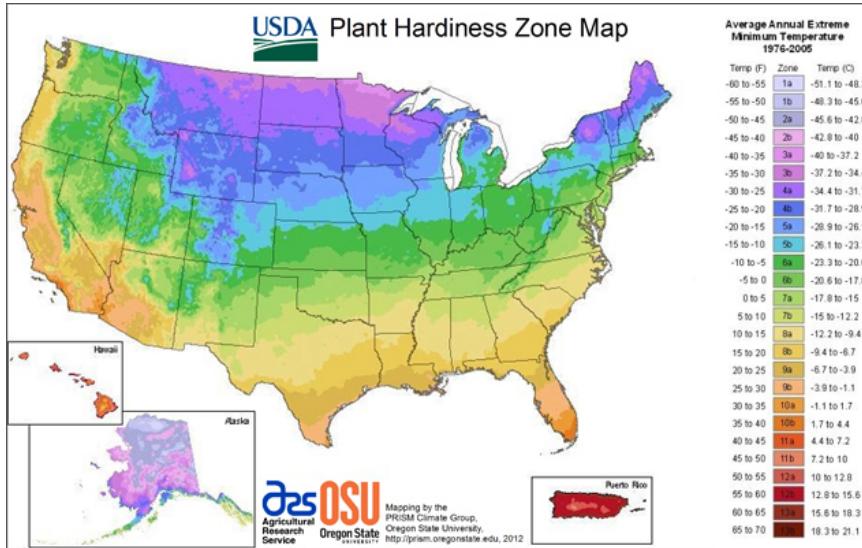


# BOXWOOD (Buxus)

## CULTURAL CARE SHEET



### HARDINESS ZONE:

Boxwood grow best in USDA Zones 4-9. Special care will be required if the plant is grown outside of its ideal growing Zones and it is best to consult with local Extension Service agents for localized growing tips and suggestions.



### WATER NEEDS:

Water regularly, especially during the first growing season. Boxwood plants can tolerate short periods of drought once established. To help prevent winter damage to the Boxwood foliage, plants should be watered regularly and deeply just prior to freezing winter weather settling in.



### LIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

Boxwoods prefer partial sun but will grow well in full sun also. A full sun location receives at least six hours of direct sunlight each day while a partial sun site receives 4 to 6 hours of direct sunlight each day.



### SOIL:

Boxwood will grow in almost any type of soil but perform best if planted in moderately fertile, moisture retentive, well-drained soil. Boggy, consistently wet soils promote "wet feet" and are not a good planting site for Boxwood plants. Protect plants from drying winter winds.



### PRUNING:

Boxwoods require no special pruning. If trimming is desired, plants can be clipped back at any time of year, except for the six weeks prior to the first expected autumn frost.



### MULCHING:

A layer of 2-3 inches of mulch will help keep moisture in the ground, will keep the roots cooler, and will provide vital nutrients to the plant as it breaks down. Mulch may need to be reapplied each year.



### FERTILIZE:

A yearly application of an all-purpose fertilizer in early spring will help Boxwoods achieve their full growth potential. When planting, do not put fertilizer directly into the hole but rather, if desired, place fertilizer on top of the ground under the mulch and away from the stem of the plant. Do not fertilize in late summer or early fall.